

Does your gas grill have the new required safety valve?

NFPA reminds consumers of propane cylinder upgrade

- Effective April 1, 2002, a new provision of an existing safety code developed by NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) requires overfilling prevention devices (OPDs) on propane cylinders weighing between 4 and 40 lbs., commonly used for outdoor gas grills, RVs etc. **An OPD shuts off the flow of gas to a cylinder after 80% capacity has been reached. This limits the potential for release of gas when the cylinder is heated, averting a fire or possible injury.**

- Propane cylinders with OPDs can be identified by a triangular hand-wheel (**pictured on the right**). Some earlier model cylinders were produced with a round hand-wheel but "OPD" is stamped on the brass valve body.



- Since 1998, all new propane cylinders from 4 to 40 pound propane capacity have been equipped with OPDs. Cylinders manufactured after September 30, 1998, are equipped with OPDs and require no change.
- Older cylinder models must now be retrofitted with the device before refilling can occur** or the cylinder should be discarded properly and replaced with an OPD-equipped cylinder.
- Many propane dealers will retrofit older cylinders with an OPD. There is, however, a charge for this. It may be more economical to replace the entire cylinder, especially if it is rusty. In many parts of the U.S., exchange cylinder racks can be used to swap an empty cylinder without an OPD for a full cylinder equipped with an OPD, for a nominal fee, eliminating the need to dispose of the cylinder or to have it retrofitted.

Propane Tank Dealers in Waukesha

Company*	Phone Number	Replace Valve	Dispose or Exchange old tank	Sell New Tank
Thermogas	(262) 542-4461	X	X	
Lakes Gas Co.	(262) 542-3002	X	X	X
Roskopfs RV	(262) 255-2240		X	X
Home Depot	(262) 717-0344		X	X
Ace Hardware	(262) 542-5323	X	X (no charge)	X
Menards	(262) 780-8041		X (no charge)	X
Farm & Fleet	(262) 784-7708			X
Your Local Service Station	Check the phone book for local listings		Some may not charge	X

* All dealers recommend using up all propane before getting a valve replaced. Prices vary.

Warning!

DO NOT TRY TO REPLACE THIS VALVE YOURSELF
– IT IS VERY DANGEROUS!

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Web Resources

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

<http://www.cpsc.gov/CPSCPUB/PREREL/prhtml02/02127.html>

National Fire Protection Association

[http://www.nfpa.org/Research/NFPAFactSheets/Propane_cylinder_Overfilling
P/propane_cylinder_overfilling_p.asp](http://www.nfpa.org/Research/NFPAFactSheets/Propane_cylinder_Overfilling/P/propane_cylinder_overfilling_p.asp)

http://www.nfpa.org/Research/NFPAFactSheets/Propane_safety/propane_safety.asp

Wisconsin Propane Gas Association

<http://www.wipga.org/marketers/regulations/index.php>

National Propane Gas Association

<http://www.npga.org/>

